

as amended. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Amex. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Amex-95-58 and should be submitted by March 14, 1996.

IV. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission finds that the Amex's proposal to list and trade warrants based on the Vantage Point Index is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

It Is Therefore Ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,³³ that the proposed rule change (SR-Amex-95-58), as amended, is approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority,³⁴
Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.
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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2830]
Virginia; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on January 27, 1996, and amendments thereto on January 31 and February 1, 2, and 9, I find that the Counties of Alleghany, Augusta, Bath, Botetourt, Clarke, Frederick, Highland, Loudoun, Page, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren, and the Independent Cities of Buena Vista, Clifton Forge, Covington, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton,

Waynesboro, and Winchester in the Commonwealth of Virginia constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by flooding which occurred January 19 through February 1, 1996. Applications for loans for physical damages may be filed until the close of business on March 27, 1996, and for loans for economic injury until the close of business on October 28, 1996 at the address listed below:

U.S. Small Business Administration,
Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308

or other locally announced locations. In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Albemarle, Amherst, Bedford, Craig, Fairfax, Fauquier, Greene, Madison, Nelson, Prince William, Rappahannock and Roanoke Counties in Virginia.

Interest rates are:	
For Physical Damage:	Percent
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.125
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural co-operatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 283006 and for economic injury the number is 874300.

Any counties contiguous to the above-named primary counties and not listed herein, have been declared under a separate declaration for the same occurrence.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008).
Dated: February 14, 1996.
Bernard Kulik,
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Railroad Administration
[FRA Emergency Order No. 20, Notice No. 1]
Commuter and Intercity Passenger Railroads, Including Public Authorities Providing Passenger Service, and Affected Freight Railroads; Emergency Order Requiring Enhanced Operating Rules and Plans for Ensuring the Safety of Passengers Occupying the Leading Car of a Train

Introduction

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) of the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) has determined that the safety of passengers and railroad employees compels issuance of this Emergency Order. Based on the historical record, rail passenger transportation in the United States is an extremely safe mode of transportation. However, recent train accidents in New Jersey and Maryland, which have claimed a total of fourteen lives, have caused DOT, FRA, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) (also part of DOT) to have very serious concerns about the safety of certain aspects of rail passenger transportation. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has the lead in investigating both accidents. FRA is assisting in both investigations. Although NTSB will not reach final conclusions as to probable cause of either accident for some time, NTSB's preliminary conclusions and what FRA has learned from the investigations (set forth in detail, below) compel that certain steps be taken now to reduce the risks to passengers and crew that apparently exist under certain operating conditions.

Of particular concern are those operations that involve carrying passengers in the lead car of a train over segments of track that do not have either cab signal systems (which provide the engineer with an on-board display of signal indications alongside the tracks) or automatic train stop or automatic train control systems (which automatically cause the train to stop or reduce speed where an engineer fails to respond appropriately to a trackside signal). Both of the recent accidents involved such operations. While thousands of such operations occur daily without incident, the occurrence of two fatal accidents in one week has caused DOT, FRA, and FTA to examine closely the need for immediate enhancements in the safety of such operations. Also of great concern, based

³³ 15 U.S.C. § 78s(b)(2) (1988)
³⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12) (1994).